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VEGF ANTISENSE DNA TO TREAT ABNORMAL RETINAL  
VASCULARIZATION**

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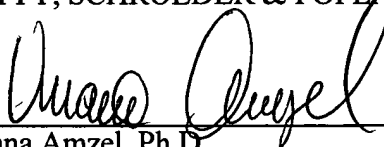
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In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97, applicants are herewith making of record references cited in the PCT International Search Report that might be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified patent application. The references are listed in a PTO-1449 form enclosed herewith. Also listed are references cited in the Background section of the above-indicated application. Copies of the references will be made of record as soon as they become available to counsel.

Applicant requests the examiner to consider these references during examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted.  
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